

FORTS BEAT OFF SHIPS OF NAVY

Soldiers Stationed on Shore Save National Capital.

HOT SHOT IN VIRGINIA

Good Work Done by Gunners at Fort Hunt.

River Swept by Searchlights from Both Sides and Enemies' Flotilla Is Quickly Located and as Rapidly Annihilated—Great Credit Due National Guardsmen for Technical Accuracy in Imaginary Battle.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Fort Hunt, Va., Aug. 6.—Fighting with the valor and enthusiasm that led their forefathers to many victories, the national guardsmen of the District of Columbia, manning the big guns at Fort Hunt and Washington, last night repelled with great loss the invading fleet sailing against Washington. The enemy's fleet was annihilated before it even came within striking distance, and the theoretical armada was beaten back with enormous theatrical loss.

All was peace in the two armed camps when the sun went down this afternoon behind the broken cloud bank, and there was no intimation of the terrific carnage to take place in the night. The men, after evening mess, lounged about awaiting Assembly, as is their usual wont, and those only of the guard and on outpost duty failed to relish the beauty of the scene as darkness gradually descended. Each command had been assigned the station it was to take up should the enemy—thought to be hovering down the river—put in an appearance.

Swept by Searchlights.

With the coming of darkness the men at the searchlights worked ceaselessly, sweeping the river for a radius of miles, while those in the battle command station, with eyes sharpened by their vigils of the past, followed with their telescopes the moving rays of penetrating light. Shortly before 9 o'clock the restlessness of the great beams seemed to check, and every heart among the watchers quickened as "one" and "two" the two lower lights centered far down the river, on the point below Marshall Hall, where the river makes a sudden sweep to the south. Past this point nothing can be seen.

During all this time the various signaling apparatus had been flashing messages back and forth across the river between the defenders on either side. As the lights stopped their wanderings and seemed to center far down stream, there came vivid intermittent flashes of light from a concealed tower far down on the point. This was the heliograph in the hands of the watchers there.

Rocket Gives the Signal.

Suddenly, with a hissing roar, that sent a thrill through everyone on both reservations, a rocket went screaming into the air, and burst red. Then another from the other side of the river. And then close behind them two more. Each heart leaped, and, unconsciously, there was a universal utterance—"The enemy is approaching." The long-expected signal had come. Sharp commands rang out, and each man and each command rushed to the post assigned them. The great guns were unlimbered and loaded as if by magic hands. It was done so rapidly. Those engaged in the defense rushed to points of vantage, and in two minutes or less, every man was at his station, and there was an impatient waiting.

Meanwhile the lights remained almost still down the river, and the heliograph flashed like lightning bugs, but with a regularly and rapidly that meant something. "They have been sighted," was passed down the waiting lines and among the spectators, but it seemed many long minutes before the lights flashed suddenly up and down, and the battle commander, Col. Urell, was informed that one of the enemies was approaching and had been picked up. There was another wait, and then, with a crashing roar, a volley was fired from the big mortar battery at Meigs, and the enemy's flotilla was in reality but a few minutes after the first signal. The delay was only for the purpose of waiting until the enemy was in range of these guns, and that will throw 12-inch bombs for many miles.

Big Guns Open Fire.

Almost at the same instant the big twelve-inch guns in Batteries Emory and Humphrey at Fort Washington, and Battery Robinson, at Fort Hunt, opened up, and the engagement was at its height. The approaching vessel, made out as a battle ship, the van of the fleet, withered under the galling fire, and theoretically was smashed to splinters and sent with her quota of men to the bottom of the Potomac. This was the crushing.

Again the lights swept in wide circles but apparently without results. Suddenly one of the Fort Hunt lights signaled that another of the enemy had been sighted, and at the same moment the signal was flashed from the fire command station, and the firing was again heavy. It was but a matter of seconds before shot and shell were crashing through her hull, and sweeping her decks, and soon she suffered the fate of her predecessor.

Flagship Goes Down.

She was the flagship, and among the killed was her flag officer, Admiral Dempf, commanding the fleet. The admiral in his attack had made a rare strategic move, and it was only owing to the great work of the Fort Hunt men that he was not successful. An excursion steamer was coming up the river, and, falling close in her wake, the Onedia, the naval militia yacht, was nearly to the fish commission wharf before she was discovered by the men in the Fort Hunt tower. Shortly after she was sent to the bottom a galling fire was poured into her. Lieut. Barnard, who had been picked up in the meantime, was the last of the great theatrical fleet.

The land forces were equally successful, and with but few men lost turned in to-night, gloating over their great vic-

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Unsettled weather to-day and to-morrow, with occasional showers; light, variable winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

1-Taft Embarrassed at Bar Banquet.
1-Germans Raise \$400,000 for Zeppelin.
1-Paris in Darkness for an Hour.
1-Big Fire Raging in Richmond.
3-No Rate-cut to Bryan Notification.
3-Culbertson on Democratic Nominee.
4-Witness Tells of Forest Fire Horror.
4-Dead Bear Starts Murder Horror.
4-Washington Man Elected by Pythians.
4-Cardinal Gibbons Is Improved.
5-Harrisburg Horse Show Closes.
11-Arctic Explorers Perish on Ice Floe.

LOCAL.

1-Defend City Against Naval Attack.
2-Labor Leader Ejected from Hall.
2-Honduras Angry at Uncle Sam.
2-Test Case of Child Labor Law.
3-Bonaparte Rumor Started Anew.
3-Baldwin Meets with Accident.
12-Police Watching Handbook Men.
12-Queer Plants in a Hothouse.
12-Army Men to Greet Olympic Victors.
12-Charged with Larceny of Automobile.

MUST GET MORE LETTERS.

Delaware Farmers May Lose Rural Delivery Service.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Wilmington, Del., Aug. 6.—Unless the farmers of Sussex County, Del., write more letters, or take more newspapers, the rural delivery routes in that section will be materially curtailed or suspended altogether.

Postmaster Walls, of Georgetown, was today notified by the Post-office Department that unless business on the rural routes increases within ninety days, the service will be cut down to twice a week, instead of daily. Bad roads in Sussex County are also a factor in this ultimatum of the postal authorities.

DAN HANNA SORRY, BUT

Tells Police Judge He Cannot Come to Court for Trial.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 6.—Dan R. Hanna, son of the late Senator Hanna, sent regrets to-day, notifying Police Judge McGannon, through his attorney, that he really must be excused from appearing in police court to answer a charge of assault and battery, the outgrowth of an alleged attack on Claude Logan, an automobile driver.

The message, which informed the court that a previous engagement had called Hanna out of town, was accepted by the court, and the hearing was continued to August 20.

ROCKEFELLER MAY BE HERO

Oil King Said to Have Saved Auto Party.

Man Reported to Have Been John D. Acts Quickly at Railroad Crossing.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 6.—A man, said by bystanders to have been John D. Rockefeller, by quick action last night, saved himself and a party of friends in a serious, if not fatal, accident. The machine was being driven along Euclid avenue about 7 o'clock. At the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railway crossing the auto was stopped while one of the party in the machine talked with a person who had hailed from the sidewalk.

While thus standing a train approached and the gates were lowered. The west gate fell across the machine and would have hit one of the occupants of the automobile had not the man supposed to be Mr. Rockefeller caught the guard and ordered the chauffeur to go ahead quickly. As they attempted to cross the tracks progress was interfered with by the east gate. The crossing watchman by this time became active and raised the east gate an instant later. The automobile cleared the tracks only a few seconds ahead of the passing train. When the incident became known no one could be reached at the Rockefeller home to confirm or deny the identity of the automobilist thought to be Mr. Rockefeller.

KNIGHTS SELECT MOBILE.

Order of Columbus Cannot Give Half Million to University Here.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 6.—The Knights of Columbus to-day selected Mobile, Ala., as the place of the next annual convention, passed a resolution refusing to affiliate with the other Catholic societies in the American Federation of Catholic Societies, authorized a change in the laws of the organization which permits the election of the grand knight and the deputy grand knight from the body of the associated members of the order, and then adjourned finally.

The convention took up the question of appropriating \$500,000 to the Catholic University at Washington, and after a protracted debate decided that the organization had not the power under its constitution to make an assessment on its members for the purpose of making the appropriation.

TABRIZ SCENE OF CARNAGE.

Casualties to Date Reckoned to Have Reached Eight Hundred.

Tabriz, Aug. 6.—There have been thirty-five days of fighting in the streets of Tabriz, and the casualties, due chiefly to bombs thrown from mortars and shrapnel, are estimated at 800.

Many of the finer residences of the city and hundreds of shops in the bazaars have been looted, the loss in this direction being placed at more than \$1,000,000.

\$600 Week-end Trips

To the Seashore.
Every Friday and Saturday until September 12 to Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood, Ocean City, N. J., or Sea Isle City, via Pennsylvania R. R., Delaware River Bridge. Tickets good to return until following Tuesday, inclusive.

Baltimore and Ohio Excursion.
\$1.00 to Harper Ferry and Martinsburg, \$2.50 to Berkeley Springs, and \$2.00 to Cumberland and return. Special train leaves Union Station 8:15 a. m. Sunday, August 8.

GERMANS RAISING COIN FOR ZEPPELIN

More Than \$400,000 Given by the Public.

NEW AIRSHIP PLANNED

Government Donates \$125,000 to the Cause.

Intense Enthusiasm Throughout the Empire Results in Unprecedented Generosity by the People—No. 3 Machine to Be Put into Commission Again—New Theory Advanced as to Cause of the Explosion.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The genuineness of the enthusiasm over Count Zeppelin and the sympathy for him in the loss of his aerostat is proved by the extraordinary and probably unprecedented subscriptions that have been made to aid him.

Lists have been opened by the universities, corporations, newspapers, banks, and special committees, and it was found this evening that the money already subscribed amounts to about \$400,000, in addition to the government's grant of \$125,000.

It is understood that Count Zeppelin intends to fly with his No. 3 airship as soon as it can be refurbished, which will probably be in a fortnight.

Meanwhile, the work on his No. 5 is going on.

Rudolph Martin, the aeronaut and author, after visiting the wreck of the No. 4 machine near Echterdingen, says that the cause of the explosion is still uncertain.

Contrary to the first supposition, the petrol did not explode.

Petrol Untouched.
The whole supply remains untouched. Both cars and both motors were not harmed, and they are as serviceable as before the accident.

Mr. Martin has abandoned the theory he held yesterday that the explosion was due to a hot motor. He now says both motors were cold. They had not been working for half an hour.

It is now supposed that the gas in the envelope ignited, owing to the cotton envelope taking fire, from violent friction with the ground or trees, when the storm carried the aerostat from its anchorage.

Only a few rays of the envelope remain. The aluminum outer covering of the balloon is being sawed to pieces preparatory to being melted down.

King Calls.

The King of Wurtemberg called on Count Zeppelin in his hotel here to-day and conveyed to the aeronaut the personal regret of Emperor William over the destruction of the count's airship. The Emperor telegraphed:

"I have heard with the deepest regret of the destruction of your balloon by a storm, and I wish you to know of my cordial sympathy in your misfortune, all the more since I and all Germany thought we had every reason to believe we could congratulate you on the glorious realization of your splendid, epoch-making achievement."

The ministers of all the Federal States have telegraphed condolences to Count Zeppelin, with an expression of hope that the disaster will only spur him to further efforts toward the attainment of his ambition.

Count Zeppelin was not present in person when the airship was destroyed, having gone to Echterdingen to arrange for repairs. He was immediately sent for. When he arrived and saw the hopeless wreck he broke down. His head was bent on his chest, and tears were streaming from his eyes as he stood in an attitude of despair in front of the shattered mammoth. Then friends induced him to enter a motor car and return to Stuttgart, whence later he left by train for Friedrichshafen.

News of the accident to the balloon was received here just as the count's daughter, who has aided him in his work, was entering her father's office. A great crowd had gathered to await word of the airship's flight, and a hubbub fell on the assemblage as the countess alighted from her carriage.

WRIGHT FLIGHT POSTPONED.

Storm Delays Experiment, but Permits Inventor's Arm to Heal.

Le Mans, France, Aug. 6.—Heavy rainstorms last night and to-day forced Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, to postpone the trial flights of his airship, scheduled for this morning.

Mr. Wright, who is still suffering from the recent burning of his left arm, was rather glad of the delay, as it will permit his elbow to get better and stronger, thus eliminating serious handicap in manipulating the aeroplane.

Hart O. Berg, the manager in Europe of the interests of the Wright brothers, said that Mr. Wright was silent even to him as to when he will make his first flight.

DENIES LIPTON CHALLENGE.

But British Yachtsmen Discount Glasgow Paper's View.

Glasgow, Aug. 6.—The Herald, remarking that there is a general misconception that Sir Thomas Lipton has challenged for the America's Cup, point out that the negotiations are no farther advanced than they were a year ago.

It says that all that has happened is that Sir Thomas announced in the press his willingness to accept unconditionally the New York Yacht Club's ultimatum as to the size of the yacht.

British yachtsmen are looking to Sir Thomas for a distinct pronouncement within the next week or two that he means to dispatch a challenge on the lines he indicated in June.

THE POLITICAL TROUBADOUR.



FIRE IN RICHMOND BEYOND CONTROL

Most Serious Blaze in Years Raging in Capital.

LOSS AT TWO A. M. \$150,000

Conflagration Spreads So Rapidly that Firemen Are Unable to Cope with It—Starts in a Feed Yard and Spreads Over an Entire City Block Within a Very Few Minutes.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 7, 2:30 a. m.—Fire which, at 2 o'clock this morning, had done damage conservatively estimated at \$150,000, and was still raging, destroyed the wholesale feed establishment of T. W. Wood & Son, probably the largest business of the kind in the South, and had worked its way partially through an entire city block of wholesale houses. The chances are that other buildings will be destroyed before the fire is got under control.

The houses in the burning block, besides the firm of Wood & Son are the Stokes-Grymes Company, wholesale grocers; Roberts & Hoge, wholesale shoes; Christian & Winfree, candy manufacturers; Fleming & Christian, grocers and wholesale and retail manufacturers and distributors. All these houses have been partially burned at this hour, much of the stock which is not burned having suffered damage from water. The establishment of Wood & Son, a four-story building, was entirely consumed. The house was well stocked with feed at the time.

In Heart of Business District.

The burning block is in the very heart of the business section of the city. All around it wholesale and retail houses are congested. It is believed that the fire will be confined to the burning block. Every fire apparatus in the city has been called into service, but after an hour's work the fire has not been got under control. For the first time in the history of the city the hoisting hose was put into practical use in the fourth story of the Wood Building, but the building could not be saved.

It is hard to get an estimate of the entire loss at this hour. The estimate given was made by the fire commissioners, who acknowledge that it is very conservative.

The probabilities are that the losses will greatly exceed these figures. The fire was one of the most serious to take place in Richmond in recent years.

The fire is now burning in the very heart of the block, many different places having caught, and the firemen are unable altogether to locate it. It is impossible to go into the burning building.

Henry W. Wood, senior partner of Wood & Son, was to have left to-day for a trip abroad.

PRESIDENT'S DAY OFF.

No Visitors Call at Sagamore Hill Until Evening.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 6.—This was the President's day off. No visitors climbed the hill, and no statements concerning cadets or other matters were sent out through the executive office. In the evening Jacob R. S. "The President's friend," arrived, and was taken to Sagamore Hill in one of the Secret Service automobiles. He is to be a house guest over night.

To-morrow Mr. Roosevelt will hold a visiting day. There will be a number of guests, among them Col. Scott, superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, and Secretary of War Luke E. Wright, who comes to confer with the President on the case of the eight cadets recently dismissed from the Military Academy for hazing.

It is understood that the tangle of statements and misstatements concerning the cadet cases will be unraveled and a final decision arrived at.

Another visitor expected to-morrow is Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.

Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 121 G st. and 619 Pa. ave.

TRY TO WRECK VIADUCT.

Vandals Explode Dynamite Under Cincinnati Structure.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 6.—Shortly before 10 o'clock to-night there was an attempt made by unknown persons to wreck the New Harrison avenue viaduct, which is being completed at a total cost of nearly \$500,000.

A dynamite cartridge was exploded in one of the piers, badly wrecking the pier, but not damaging the general structure. Two persons were severely injured by the explosion. The police are investigating.

It is said there have been labor troubles among the forces of the contractors.

COWHERD LEADS BY 16,114

Democrat Beats Ball in Missouri for Governorship.

Returns in from Ninety-five Counties Shows Vote of 83,260—Hadley Is Republican Winner.

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—With returns in from 95 Missouri counties, embracing all the principal cities and towns, Cowherd leads Ball by 16,114 for governor on the Democratic ticket.

In the 95 counties, with scattering returns from eight or nine counties that have not given a complete result, Cowherd's vote is 83,260; Ball's, 67,146; Wallace's, 31,116; and Stapel's, 14,238.

The vote of Hadley, Republican candidate for governor, in 63 counties is 78,524. That Fuikerson, Republican, has beaten Gentry for attorney general there is no doubt.

For railroad and warehouse commissioners there is hardly any doubt that Wilder, Republican, and Knott, Democrat, were nominated. Knott's plurality is expected to reach 3,000 to 4,000.

Bradley has won over Gordon for auditor. Cox, Republican, and Graves, Democrat, are the nominees for Supreme Court judges.

ACCUSES COWHERD MEN.

Defeated Democrat in Missouri Alleges Election Frauds.

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—Convinced that the nomination of W. S. Cowherd was accomplished "by gross election frauds perpetrated by the Cowherd leaders and bosses in many wards of St. Louis and Kansas City," David A. Ball, defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, announced to-night that he will come to St. Louis to-morrow to personally conduct an investigation of the "election jobbery" used against him in this city.

Ball said to-night that a contest of the State primary was possible. Further than that he would not go in his statement. Whether there is to be a contest hinges on what he finds in St. Louis.

MONUMENT FOR MRS. SEMPLE.

Marker Selected by President Tyler's Daughter Is Placed.

Williamsburg, Va., Aug. 6.—A monument has been placed in Bruton Parish Churchyard to the memory of Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, daughter of the late John Tyler, President of the United States, and mistress of the White House during a part of her father's term of office.

The monument was selected by Mrs. Semple about eight years before her death. The inscriptions were also made at Mrs. Semple's direction, leaving blank the date of her death, which occurred December 28, 1907.

In accordance with her wishes, the monument was cut out of Petersburg granite, and upon completion, was placed in storage by the builder, M. J. Flavery, or Washington, until a few weeks ago, it being Mrs. Semple's desire that it should not be put up until after her death.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, Saturdays and Sundays, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the Congressional Limited.

EMBARRASS TAFT AT BAR DINNER

Trouble When Mr. Meredith Raps at Bryan.

REFERENCE NOT LIKED

Lawyers' President Injects Politics at Banquet.

Ohioan Responds to Toast "The President of the United States." Says He Is Proud to Have Been Called into the Councils of Mr. Roosevelt—Assures His Great Confidence in the Supreme Court.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 6.—Mr. Taft was the guest of honor to-night at a banquet of the Virginia Bar Association and responded to the toast, "The President of the United States."

Other guests at the dinner were Wayne MacVeagh, of Philadelphia; ex-United States Senator William Lindsay, of Kentucky, and T. J. O'Brien, United States Ambassador to Japan. The dining-room of the big hotel was crowded with 300 Virginia lawyers and fully as many women.

Wyndham R. Meredith, the retiring president of the association, kicked up a muss when he said: "To-night we are all for Taft no matter how we may vote in November. The laws of hospitality demand it. That reminds me of the story of the Irishman whose employer asked him how he was going to vote. 'I'm going to vote for Taft,' said the Irishman."

"But," said his employer, "thought you were a Democrat."

"So I am," replied the Irishman, "but I can vote for Bryan any time."

Hisses and catcalls greeted the president's remarks. Some of the lawyers at the tables tried to drown out the demonstration by cheering for Taft, but they couldn't.

Taft Is Embarrassed.

The candidate was plainly embarrassed at this introduction of politics into the dinner. It was several minutes before President Meredith was able to resume.

Mr. Taft, in responding to his toast, said that it was appropriate that he should speak on the President of the United States, not because of any aspirations he had, but because he had been asked by the President himself to attend this meeting of the bar association.

"I received a direction while I was still serving as Secretary of War," said Mr. Taft, "to come to the White House at once on important public business. I found that your committee had petitioned to use his influence, and if needed, 'the big stick,' to direct that I come here to meet the bar association and to do what he would have me do in upholding the administration."

Does Not Want to Trespass.

Mr. Taft said he appreciated the subject of the Presidency, from the standpoint of the office, with very considerable care, not to say anxiety, lest he trespass on the laws of hospitality. Mr. Taft said it had been suggested under some administrations, the power of the Presidency had been expanded, also that the constitutional power of the Federal government had been expanded. He thought that if the latter statement was examined carefully, it would be found that the expansion was along the lines of constitutional jurisdiction.

"I have great confidence in the Supreme Court," said Mr. Taft. "I think those gentlemen who sit up there know what they are deciding, and that they are at attempts to make a contest of decisions. We may differ with them on some particulars, but, as a whole, we may trust them to keep us straight on constitutional law."

Executive's Power Greater.

Mr. Taft said undoubtedly the power of the Executive had expanded, but that had been due to a change of conditions. The country was bigger and greater, and the power of the Executive had naturally increased in proportion.

The danger of a usurpation of executive power, Mr. Taft declared, was very slight, because the executive was so entirely dependent on the appropriations made by Congress.

"The danger that the legislature will usurp some of the executive functions is greater," said Mr. Taft.

"To depart from the office of President and come down to the persons," continued Mr. Taft, "it would be invidious to make comparisons. All I can say is that I consider it the greatest good fortune that I have had the opportunity to take part in his councils."

Mr. Taft was cheered heartily at the conclusion of his speech, especially when he assured the Virginians of his pleasure in having met them entirely without thought of his political candidacy.

Follows Mr. Taft.

Ex-Senator Lindsay followed Mr. Taft. Cheers greeted this statement in reference to Mr. Taft, many of the diners jumping to their feet and waving their napkins: "I know we can trust him. I know that in whatever position he may be placed, he will do that thing he believes to be right, and I know he will come as near believing that to be right which is right as any man born north of the Ohio River."

TAFT FOR QUICK JUSTICE.

Talks to Members of Virginia Bar Association at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 6.—Mr. Taft will leave here at 7:30 o'clock to-morrow morning on a forty-mile drive over the Blue Ridge Mountains to White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia, where he will